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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jabar Reggie Smith, a/k/a "Reggie," DOB July 23, 1980, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, and Wilfred Trice, a/k/a "Silk," a/k/a "Christopher Grey," DOB July 2, 1972, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, were sentenced today in U. S. District Court in Madison for their role in a large crack cocaine conspiracy. United States District Judge John C. Shabaz sentenced Smith to 24 years, 6 months in prison without parole and sentenced Trice to 22 years in federal prison without parole.

In sentencing Smith and Trice, Judge Shabaz found that they were each responsible for distributing in excess of one and one-half kilograms of crack cocaine in the Madison, Wisconsin area from August 1999 to April 2002. Both Smith and Trice's sentences were increased because they possessed a firearm in connection with their drug business.

Investigators from the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, executed a search warrant at 308 Whispering Pines Way in Fitchburg on January 3, 2001, and recovered approximately

150 grams of heroin, 236 grams of cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine, and more than \$20,000 in United States currency which was forfeited by the federal government. Co-conspirator Jeffrey J. McReynolds also pleaded guilty to the conspiracy and is scheduled to be sentenced on October 20, 2005, by Judge Shabaz.

Prosecution of these cases were handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Anderson.

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